

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 31, 2007 to June 29, 2007

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federally licensed action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Federal Aviation Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Chesapeake Regional Airport proposes to remove obstructions affecting navigable air space in compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77. The proposed action involves the removal of approximately 12-15 acres of trees located in the following areas:

- on the south end of the airport at the approach to Runway 5 along the existing ditch line for approximately 900 feet;
- at the south end of the airport within a wooded area beyond the loop road;
- at the south end of the airport along the ditch line across West Road from the south loop road;
- on the south end of the airport at the approach to Runway 5; and
- in the primary area of the airport from a point 200 feet beyond the end of Runway 5 southeast to a point 200 feet beyond the end of Runway 23 to the property line.

The Airport intends to conduct all tree removal using both mechanical and non-mechanical means so as not to disturb the ground. No grubbing would take place during removal. All trees on airport property would be cut at ground level and chipped, burned or hauled away as appropriate. A federal consistency certification has been submitted for the proposal which finds it consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's Central Office in Richmond.

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